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SUBJECT: LAOS AND IBRD/ADB PARIS MEETING ON INDOCHINA

TREASURY FOR FINKEL

1. ADB PROJECT IDENTIFICATION MISSION RECENTLY COMPLETED VISIT TO LAOS IN WHICH LAOTIAN GOVT MADE INTENSE EFFORT TO PROVIDE MISSION WITH EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF LAOTIAN ECONOMY INVOLVING NUMEROUS FIELD TRIPS TO COUNTRYSIDE.

2. IN DISCUSSION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND ADB MISSION LEADER -- DAVID FISHER, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS -- PM EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT DEFINITE PROGRESS BEING MADE ON CREATION OF COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH PROSPECT, SUBSEQUENTLY, OF RAPID REUNIFICATION OF COUNTRY. HENCE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH ECONOMIC REHABILITATION. IN THIS
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RESPECT WISHED ADB TO PASS MESSAGE AT UPCOMING

INDOCHINA DONORS MEETING IN PARIS THAT LAOS READY
FOR FULL-SCALE ECONOMIC REHABILITATION.

3. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE IN CHARGE OF
DEPARTMENT OF PLAN AND COOPERATION (DPC) URGED ADB
MISSION TO APPROACH PATHET LAO TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC
REHABILITATION SINCE PATHET LAO SCHEDULED TO GET DPC
IN COALITION GOVT. ZIA MOORZOY, ADB OPERATIONS MANAGER
FOR INDOCHINA, VISITED WITH SOTH PETRASI, CHIEF OF
PATHET LAO DELEGATION IN VIENTIANE, WHO EXPRESSED
SATISFACTION WITH PREVIOUS ADB EFFORTS IN LAOS AND
EMPHASIZED DESIRE TO SEE CONTINUED ADB ACTIVITY IN
THAT COUNTRY. PETRASI AGREED THAT ADB EMPHASIS ON
AGRICULTURE (FOOD SUPPLY) APPROPRIATE BUT SUGGESTED
THAT ADB TURN EFFORTS TO MINERAL DEVELOPMENT IN LONGER
RUN. INDICATED, FURTHER, WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT ASSISTANCE
REGARDLESS OF SOURCES SO LONG AS SUCH ASSISTANCE USED
TO CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC REHABILITATION AND DEVELOP-
MENT OF LAOS. PETRASI EXPRESSED WISH THAT BANK RETURN
SOON TO LAOS AT WHICH TIME MISSION WOULD BE INVITED TO
VISIT AREAS CURRENTLY CONTROLLED BY PATHET LAO. FINALLY,
PETRASI AGREED WITH PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST THAT BANK
CARRY MESSAGE TO PARIS MEETING THAT LAOS READY FOR FULL
AND COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT.
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